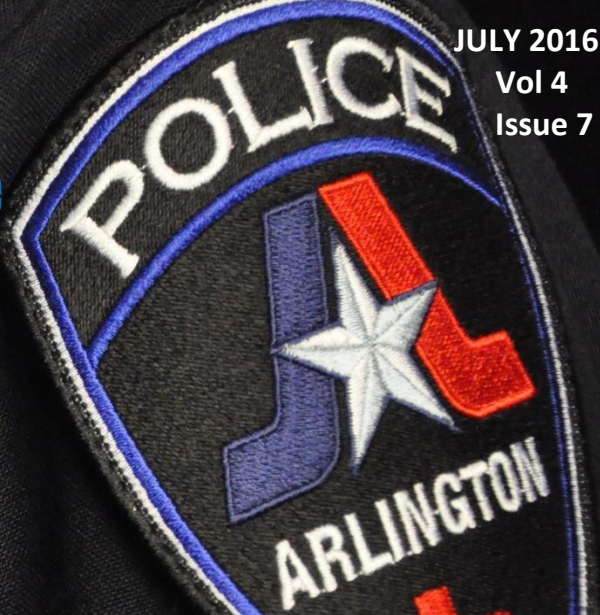


On Call Inside the Blue



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Community Remembers a Hero

Mojo was a faithful K9 servant of the Arlington Police Department and community.

He died July 19. Mojo was part of a search for a suspect wanted by police for aggravated assault.

The department has received an outpouring of support from residents and K9 lovers around the world. A memorial tribute was held Aug. 5 at Heroes Park to remember the fallen hero.

Mojo is the Arlington Police Department's first K9 to die in the line of duty.

Born in Holland, the Belgian Malinois joined APD in 2010 and is credited with apprehending many dangerous felons. He made hundreds of appearances at area schools, crime prevention meetings and

special events. He was adored by many, said Officer Vince Ramsour, his handler and 23-year veteran of the department.

"I don't think I ever really knew, until now, the impact we'd made on people's lives," Officer Ramsour said.

"The phone calls, emails, letters and stories about Mojo have been incredible. I want to thank the Arlington community for always remembering us."



National Night Out Kick Off 2016



Get ready, Arlington! National Night Out is Tuesday, Oct. 4. Click [here](#) to register your neighborhood's activity and get involved.



The Arlington Police Department met the president at the airport on July 12.

APD Ensures Safety at Dallas Memorial

The president's visit to North Texas on July 12 was a safe one thanks to the Arlington police officers who answered the call to serve and protect.

Working with secret service agents, APD led the presidential motorcade and was responsible for security and traffic operations.

President Barack Obama and Vice President Joe Biden, along with their first ladies, participated in the interfaith memorial service to honor the five police officers shot by a gunman last month during a Dallas protest.

The memorial was held at the Morton H. Meyerson Symphony Center. The tribute also included Former President George W. Bush and his wife.

"We honored the five fallen officers from Dallas and DART by allowing everyone to mourn in peace," said Arlington Police Chief Will Johnson. "I cannot thank the Arlington Police Department enough for a job well done."

The Arlington community also honored the fallen officers with cards, letters and flowers, including tributes on highway overpasses as funeral processions traveled through the city last month.



APD salutes fallen officers.



Members of the APD Honor Guard answered the call.

On Call NORTH DISTRICT

YOUTH CORNER

NEWS & OPPORTUNITIES

SAVE THE DATE! The Arlington ISD Back to School Kick Off is 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 13 at AT&T Stadium. This event is for all AISD students who qualify for free or reduced-price meal programs. Pre-registered students will receive a backpack filled with school supplies. This event will also include free immunizations, vision checks, afterschool programs and more. Click [here](#) to register.



Officers Thankful for Community Support During Times of Crisis

On July 7, tragedy struck five of our brothers and sisters in blue in Dallas.

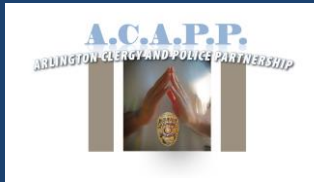
Their lives were lost as they worked to protect the community and eliminate a dangerous threat during a protest.

The day after this tragedy, members of our Arlington Clergy and Police Partnership organized a peace prayer at the Ott Cribbs Public Safety Building. Officers joined the community in prayer for unity and safety for all people. We were joined by our city's mayor, police command staff and many supporters.



The following week, it was an honor to be of service to the City of Dallas and the Dallas Police Department at a memorial at the Morton H. Meyerson Symphony Center to honor the fallen officers. Many other APD officers answered the call to serve on that day as well. The temperature was hot and we were on our feet all day, but it was well worth it. We were there to do our jobs and protect those in attendance. From strangers, there were many hugs, handshakes and kind words.

I am honored to wear the badge and forever grateful for the community who stands with and supports their police department.



On July 8, ACAPP members organized a Peace Prayer in front of the Ott Cribbs Public Safety Building. This coalition of Arlington area clergy come from many different faiths and dominations.

To learn more about ACAPP, click [here](#) or contact Officer Kim Fretwell at 817-459-5589 to enroll in the first ACAPP two-day academy class on Oct 10 and 11 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Watch for a new crime prevention highlight every month from the North Police District. Contact Crime Prevention Officer Kimberly Fretwell at 817-459-5589 or Kim.Fretwell@Arlingtontx.gov.

On Call SOUTH DISTRICT

Community Watch Has New Approach to Getting Neighbors Involved

This month, the South Police District is proud to highlight one of our newest Community Watch Groups, the Wimbledon on The Creek.

Ty Janhsen is the group coordinator who was trying different ways to get her neighbors together for their first Community Watch meeting. It's important to her that her neighbors have a voice in the safety and security of their surroundings. As in many busy households, time is always a valuable commodity and coming up with a meeting

date and time that works for a majority can be challenging. Ty didn't give up. Together, we developed a different approach and found success in a morning Community Watch walking and exercise initiative.

This unique meeting format allowed her neighbors to maintain their fitness routines. Those unable to walk were approached as they took out the trash or left for work. In total, 17 neighbors either joined the walk or took time out of their morning routine to discuss safety issues and potential solutions for their neighborhood.

This was the healthiest, most productive Community Watch meeting I have ever participated in. It's citizen partners like Ty Janhsen and her neighbors who are helping to make community policing strong in North Texas. Thank you for getting involved.



CWG members from left to right: Mary Hartford, Myong Clement, Joyce Mintzas, Nicolas Mintzas and Ty Janhsen.

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The Mansfield ISD will host a Back to School Bash on Aug. 13 at the MISD Center for the Performing Arts, 1110 W. Debbie Lane. This event will include free school supplies, student health services, games and activities. Click [here](#) for details.



NOW ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS for the Fall 2016 Arlington Citizens Police Academy! Click [here](#) to apply or call Officer Tim Hayden at 817-459-6468.

On Call EAST DISTRICT

With Their Hands, Community Creates Positive Change

This summer, many volunteers came together for positive change in the 3400 block of Sherry Street.

This area in the East Police District is often tagged with graffiti. This block has a concrete drainage area and a bridge. It is a popular route for Hale Elementary children and their families who walk to and from school.

Beat Sergeant Robert Walsh organized a project that would surely bring the community together for positive change.

Painting a mural requires a great amount

of preparation, equipment, community collaboration and many people got involved.

The Art Department from Sam Houston High School developed the theme and on June 18, neighbors and teens from the Boys and Girls Club joined officers and police volunteers for a day of painting.

When a neighborhood looks good, its residents feel good especially when they have a hand in creating something positive.

A special thanks to Home Depot for providing the brushes and rollers and to Realtor Neven Price of Remington Team Realty for all the colorful paint needed to complete this project.



Members of the Arlington Clergy and Police Partnership will host a citywide prayer vigil at 6:30 p.m. Friday, Aug. 12 on the lawn of the East Police Service Center.



SERVING THE COMMUNITY. On Thursday, Aug. 18, APD will be on hand to share crime prevention safety information at a Soup Kitchen hosted by St. Mark's Episcopal Church, 2024 Collins St.

Every month, watch for a new crime prevention highlight from the East Police District. For more information, contact Crime Prevention Officer Natalia Aumedes at 817-459-5817 or Natalia.Aumedes@Arlingtontx.gov.

On Call WEST DISTRICT

Shoppers Find Summer Safety at their Neighborhood Walmart

The Arlington Police Department recently partnered with the Walmart Store on Little Road for summer safety and awareness.

As shoppers entered the store on June 27, they were greeted by crime prevention officers and Walmart officials. At a table in front of the store, families found crime prevention and safety awareness tips as well as information about the importance of staying hydrated and safe from the heat.

Everyone was reminded to never leave children and pets unattended in locked vehicles.

Shoppers who stopped by the table also collected information about Citizens on Patrol, Community Watch and tips on how to protect their vehicle from burglary.

Some of the shoppers just wanted to stop, say hello and thank us for our service.

Programs like this allow officers to get out into the community and make important connections with people we would not otherwise meet.

As we get closer to the start of a new school year, look for more Arlington officers in the community interacting with families and helping to make neighborhoods safer for everyone.



Walmart Asset Protection Manager Michael Johnson and Officer Doug Glotfelty teamed up to greet shoppers and share crime prevention and summer safety information at the Walmart Store on Little Road.



The Communities Against Crime 5K Run and 1 Mile Fun Walk returns Aug. 27. This event benefits abused and neglected children in Tarrant County. Click [here](#) to register or call 817-255-8820.



Make time to talk about child safety.

Become a child safety champion. Click [here](#).

Watch for a new crime prevention highlight each month from the West Police District. For more information, contact Crime Prevention Officer Doug Glotfelty at 817-459-6072 or Doug.Glotfelty@Arlingtontx.gov.

The Journey Begins for a New Generation of Police Officers

Together, they completed a journey that started inside the Arlington Police Training Center on January 19, 2016.

After seven months of strenuous physical and academic training, 16 recruits took the oath of office to serve their city as graduates of Class 50.

This month, these graduates are out of the classroom and into the Arlington community, working alongside training officers to apply what they learned in the academy, said Corporal Danny Whittington.

And these new officers have big dreams with APD after field training. One is interested in joining the Gang Unit and another wants to become a narcotics detective.

Another new recruit wants to join the Traffic Unit while others say they're interested in working with the K9 Unit and investigating economic crimes.

The only female in Class 50, an Arlington native, would like to solve crimes committed against children as a detective. All aspire to make a difference.

"These new officers are preparing to be a light of hope to those who find themselves hopeless," Chief Will Johnson said during the Class 50 graduation ceremony on July 29 at Fielder Church.

These new graduates come from near and far, including Wisconsin, Puerto Rico, South Carolina, Oklahoma, Michigan, San Antonio and Fort Worth. Arlington is their new home.

Meanwhile, back at the Arlington Training Center, a new recruit class begins their journey.

The day after three officers were ambushed by a shooter in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, 21 men and women reported for their first day of class. They are on track to graduate on Feb. 24, 2017, Whittington said.

"Time stands still for no one, so sitting back waiting for the world to change is not an option," Officer Charles Colston, the Class 50 Spokesman, told those gathered for the graduation.

"To the citizens of Arlington and all the men and women of the Arlington Police Department, we thank you for this opportunity to serve the community from this day forward."



**Congratulations
Arlington
Police
Academy
Class 50**

Class Motto:
*Deeds, Not
Words, Set The
Example*



BACK IN THE DAY.
This photo of Class 1 from 1990 hangs at the Arlington Training Center.

Inside PAL Camp 2016: Building Trust, Understanding with Today's Youth

Thirteen-year-old Amiri Murphy made friends at PAL Camp 2016. He also learned something new about the police.

"I learned that police officers can be caring," he said. "They obviously care. They're here at camp with us."

No uniforms or badges. Dressed in T-shirts, tennis shoes and shorts, 13 School Resource Officers spent the summer with eighth and ninth graders, leading fun games and activities designed to build character, trust and responsibility.

Because most teens are either watching the news or on social media, one PAL camp session allowed students to learn more about the police. The session was titled, "Why Police Do What They Do."

In small groups, officers led discussions about everything from traffic stops and tasers to arrests and shootings. Sgt. Scott Vickers asked, "Why do you think officers exist?" Responses included, "to keep everyone safe, and 'to protect the city.'"

In one group, a camper asked about racism. Officer Jeff Lee responded, "It's important that we're always fair and respectful to everyone."

In another group setting, a teen girl told officers she was "mad about people killing innocent cops."

"Violence is never the answer," Officer Richard Morrison told those gathered around him.

"So, when you see us on your campus, at the mall, at your football games, we want you to feel comfortable approaching us. We're here to help," he said.

Before PAL Camp, 14-year-old Jayden Elam said she thought "cops worked only with bad people."

"I think they want to get to know us. They care about what happens to us," she said.

PAL Camp is made possible by the Arlington Police Foundation, Trinity United Methodist Church and many local businesses and volunteers.



Angel Mendoza said he enjoyed PAL Camp.



At PAL Camp, officers also talk with teens about the do's and don'ts of social media and how to protect their property from theft.

Officers say students who participate in PAL Camp are less likely to be involved in criminal activity and far more likely to trust police.



Officer Jeff Lee leads an activity.



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